

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

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**Like it? Then lock it and keep it!** With over 300 car burglaries since June, the old adage “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” is truer today than ever before. WHPD offers the following tips:

- Begin with basic car protection: windows up, doors locked, alarm engaged.
- Take your keys with you. If you think you have a great hiding place for a spare key, think twice. Thieves know where to look.
- Don't leave valuables in the car.
- Consider installing a motion-activated spot light for your driveway.
- If you park your vehicle in a garage, lock the garage doors and windows.

If you see suspicious activity, report it, call 911.

**Memories Of Migration Viewing Party:** Join the West Hartford Libraries in celebrating national Welcoming Week and the culmination of its Memories of Migration grant project with a special Viewing Party at the Faxon Branch Library on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30 PM.

The event will feature clips of residents' migration stories from Nepal, Portugal, and Russia to West Hartford and sample food from these various countries. Interviews were recorded and edited by high school interns this past summer. Seating is limited and registration is required. Please RSVP to 860-561-6996.

**Town Clerk's Office now accepts credit/debit cards:** Looking to renew your dog's license or get a copy of your birth certificate, but don't have cash? Now you can pay with a MC/VISA debit or credit card for more than 30 items. A convenience fee applies. Customers using a debit card will be charged \$2.50 per transaction. Credit card fees are \$2.50 per transaction up to \$50 plus an additional percentage fee based on any amount over \$50. This new service is applicable for in-person transactions only.

**New ADA coordinator:** The Town of West Hartford has reassigned the role of the

Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator to Suzanne Oslander, Community Partnership Coordinator. To learn more about the Town's ADA compliance program, please [click here](#).

**Household Electronics Recycling Events:** The Town of West Hartford, in cooperation with Take 2, Inc., will be hosting free Residential Electronics Recycling Collection events in September. Residents are encouraged to bring their unwanted electronics to the drive up/drive through household electronics recycling collection events being held at Town Hall on:

\* Thursdays, 4-7 PM - 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28

\* Saturdays, 8AM-12 PM - 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30

For more information call 203-286-5757 or email [Pam@Take2Recycle.com](mailto:Pam@Take2Recycle.com).

**Feast on the Farm, 9/15:** Westmoor Park will hold its annual Feast on the Farm on Friday, September 15, 6:00-9:00 PM. Proceeds from the event will complete the funding for the restoration of the farm's historic barn. The outdoor BYOB dinner includes hors d'oeuvres by Russell's Creative Global Cuisine and a candle-lit, four-course meal prepared by Chefs Dorjan Puka, Scott Miller and Omar Arnaout of the Doro Restaurant Group. Tickets are \$100/person and are available at Westmoor Park and Leisure Services (Town Hall, Room 128).

**Margaret Hann celebrates 30 years of service:** The Bridge Family Center is pleased to share the Executive Director, Margaret Hann, recently celebrated her 30th anniversary.

During her tenure, Margaret has broadened the scope of the organization's work to include significant mental health counseling, more expansive residential support for the Department of Children and Families, deepened its role as the Youth Service Bureau for the Town of West Hartford, opened the Family Resource Center, the Teen Center, and many other programs to support children and families.

Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager